If we should decide to fall back so as to take up winter quarters in Poland, is it the best course to retire directly by the same road by which we came ?

5th. (To Berthier.) I find it hard to believe that we need forty-five days to evacuate the wounded from Mo-jaisk; for I calculate that, even if we do nothing, in those forty-five days part of them will die, part of them will get well; we should therefore only have to evacuate those that remained, and experience shows that three months iifter a battle only one-sixth of the wounded remain. Reckoning on 6000, there would therefore be at the end of three months only 1000 to move. My purpose is to keep control of my line of operations and to evacuate the wounded.

6th. The Russian army of Moldavia, amounting to three divisions, crossed the Dnieper early in September. General Koutousoff's army, which was beaten at Borodino, is now near Kaluga, which suggests that it is to be reinforced from Moldavia by way of Kief.

14th. (To Berthier.) Send orders to the Duke of Abrantes not to let through any artillery convoys for Moscow after tomorrow the 15th, and to turn them all back to Smolensk.

15th. (Decree.) There shall be at our Imperial Conservatory eighteen pupils preparing for the Theatre Fran-cais, nine of each sex. They may attend courses in music, but they are more especially to study the art of declamation, and shall diligently follow the courses of the professors, according to the branch they intend to pursue.

For this purpose there shall be, in addition to the professors, two instructors in the dramatic art, who shall